



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tom Morgan of the EP's Training and Development Division will be meeting the Members of the Schemes at the Board Meeting in the House of Commons in London to discuss programmes for MEPs and European Parliament officials.

The updated web-site of the IABP is now available at: www.iabp.org

European Business Fellowship for Georgian MPs

The IABP, supported by the Industry and Parliament Trust, hosted in London the Chairman and the Deputy Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Parliament of Georgia.

The objective of the programme, dedicated to Investment, was to increase an understanding of the needs and expectations of investors and the corresponding role to be played by the Foreign Affairs Committee and individual Parliamentarians as well as generally Georgian diplomacy for promoting country's economic potential and attracting foreign direct investment (FDI).



Working Lunch with the Prime Minister of Georgia in the House of Commons – 11 Nov 2004

MPs Konstantin Gabashvili and Salome Samadashvili took part in the Investment Conference organised in the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, met various companies, government agencies and Members of the UK Parliament.



Special management course for Officials from the Spanish Congress and Senate

Circulo de Empresarios together with the Instituto de Empresa, (a very prestigious Business School), have last year extended the Executive Management Programme for Parliamentarians to Civil Servants of both Chambers.

The reason for this initiative, specially prepared for Officials, was that Spain held its General Elections last March, and so parliamentarians could not attend any sort of course.

The said Course was opened on January 2004 and finished last June. Nine Civil Servants from Congress and Senate received their Diplomas.

By Yolanda Barbera



Institut de l'entreprise becomes a Member of the IABP

Institut de l'entreprise was created in 1975 as a private, independent, non-profit organization, to promote the analysis and discussion of major economic, social and societal issues among leaders of the French business community. The instigators were driven by the desire to have their own think tank, independent of any trade union or political agenda, to help them define their own strategy. Today, it includes more than 110 members from all sectors of the economy, who account for more than 20% of the commercial GDP. The 20 Chief Executives of the Advisory Council elect among them the Chairman and the members of the Executive Committee.

Its role is to give a truly prospective dimension to the thinking of business leaders. Its reports and working papers concentrate on medium and long term issues and are therefore positioned upstream from those of professional organizations; they develop teaching through facts, emphasizing case studies based on the various experiences of the Institut's members; they integrate the international benchmarking dimension; they are the result of contradictory debates conducted within the Institut's **committees, seminars and conferences** or in **Sociétal**, a high level quarterly journal for opinion makers.

Concurrently to its traditional Think Tank's activity, the Institut has set up several programs in order to reach strategic target audiences:

- **Tomorrow's leaders in their spheres of activities:** young Executives, labour unions officials, high civil servants, magistrates, politicians, journalists, university professors... An Institute for advanced studies (**Institut des Hautes Etudes de l'Entreprise**) has been created in 2000 to give them the opportunity to consider the consequences of the involvement of French companies and French society in a market economy of global proportions.
- **High Schools teachers of economics and social sciences:** the **web site Melchior** (www.melchior.fr) contains resources structured around the main chapters of the program of study for the final year of the *baccalauréat* and provides a source of practical business cases; in collaboration with the French Ministry of Education, a **corporate immersion programme** involving two-month sessions in large companies has been organized as well as an **autumn convention**, a place for exchanging ideas and thinking up new approaches with the aim of bringing the worlds of teaching and business closer together.
- **Trainee journalists:** an introductory course to the world of business and its environment is offered, combining an in-company training course in a Communications Department with a series of conferences and debates on the problems facing businesses.
Chairman: Michel Bon

By Marie-Christine Gabillaud-Wolf, Secretary General



Business and Parliament Scheme of Georgia used by Parliamentary Economic Committee to review the rail industry.

One-day programme involved 9 MPs travelling by the train and was designed in the way, where each stop would highlight a certain aspect of the enterprise.